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I claim:

A device for supporting and stabilizing a clothing hanger so that a user employing only one extremity can position a hanger thereon for hanging or removing an article of clothing without other assistance, comprising a base and a hanger receptacle that is configured and adapted to receive and stabilize a clothing hanger.

- 2. A device for supporting and stabilizing a clothing hanger so that a user employing only one upper extremity can position a hanger thereon for hanging or removing an article of clothing without other assistance, comprising a base portion adaptable for mounting to a stable object, the base portion having an arcuately-shaped hanger receptacle configured and adapted to receive and stabilize a conventional clothing hanger.
- 3. Adevice for holding and stabilizing a clothing hanger wherein a user employing only one upper extremity may position a hanger thereon for hanging or removing an article of clothing without other assistance, comprising:
  - (a) a base adaptable for mounting at a height accessible to a user; and
- (b) a hanger receptacle formed on said base, said hanger receptacle configured and adapted to receive and hold a conventional clothing hanger, and wherein the base and the hanger receptacle are cooperatively positioned with respect to one another as to prevent a hanger received thereon the hanger receptacle from lateral movement.
- 4. The device of Claim 3 wherein the base is so formed for mounting on a vertical surface.
- 5. The device of Claim 3 wherein the base is so formed for mounting on a pedestal.
- 6. The device of Claim 3 wherein the hanger receptacle is ovally-shaped and configured to receive the hook and neck portions of a clothing hanger.
- 7. The device of Claim 3, further comprising a cover adapted to overlay the hanger receptacle.
- 8. The device of Claim 7 wherein the cover portion is hingedly attached to the base.

- 9. The device of Claim 7 wherein the cover includes a handle.
- 10. The device of Claim 7 further including a latch for holding the cover in closedrelation with the base.
  - 11. The device of Claim 7 wherein the cover comprises a decorative frame.
  - 12. The device of Claim 11 wherein the decorative frame is adapted to hold a picture.

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